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Military Information from the Kindel and Ohrdruf Troop Training Grounds

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1. [redacted] determined that the EM quarters at the Kindel troop training grounds near Eisenach (L 51/H 76) were two-story brick buildings, 30 meters long and subdivided into three large rooms containing bunks in tiers of 2 and 3, while the officers' billets were in three-story brick buildings. In addition, there were numerous tents, measuring 10 x 15 meters. The troop strength, primarily made up of tank and artillery troops who were quartered there, was estimated at 60,000. Artillery pieces and tanks were stored in sheds measuring 30 x 15 meters. Guns of from 75-mm to 172-mm and T-34 tanks, allegedly about 150 of them, were noticed. Several new two-story buildings were under construction on orders of the Soviet komendantura in Eisenach. *

2. The entire training area was surrounded by a high mesh-wire fence and patrolled by 15 officers and numerous sentries, all of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets.

3. Trucks [redacted] from the Kindel troop training grounds were turned in to the BMW repair shop at Eisenach for repair on 4 and 5 July. **

4. Vehicles observed in Ohrdruf (N 51/I 15) between 20 and 23 June included: truck [redacted] occupied by 60 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and driving toward the troop training grounds; truck [redacted] en route from Gotha

driving toward the troop training grounds; trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets;

* Comment. Since there are fairly definite indications that only the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 21st Gds Mecz Div are at Kindel, the number of troops there appears to have been grossly overestimated. On the other hand, the T-34 tanks at the training grounds should number not less than 200.

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** [redacted] Comment. The vehicles respectively belong to [redacted]
the Eighth Gds Army, to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle
Div. and to the GORU.

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** [redacted] Comment. Since most of the vehicle [redacted] belong to the 20th
Gds Mecz Div, the division is again confirmed at Odruf until the end
of June 1951.

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